**Calculus – 4th Quarter Project**

**Due:** Monday, 5/18

**Objective:** to research an important figure in the history of mathematics.

**Project:** You will choose a famous mathematician. You will write a short (2 to 3 page) research paper about this mathematician and then present your findings to the class. Your paper should contain the following:

1. biographical information about your mathematician
2. any significant contributions by this figure to the field of mathematics
3. any interesting controversies, conflicts or anecdotes surrounding your mathematician
4. a description of how your mathematician’s contributions are still relevant to the field today.

Below is a list of mathematicians from which you may choose. You may also choose someone not on this list if you prefer.

**List of (some) Mathematicians:**

Pythagoras Pascal Laplace Galois Wiles

Archimedes Newton Lovelace Brahmagupta Blackwell

Euclid Leibniz Gauss Cauchy Wilkins

Descartes Euler Riemann Hypatia Tartaglia

Fermat Lagrange Cantor Heron Cardano

Mersenne

Requirements:

1. Your paper must be typewritten, double spaced and 12 pt. font.
2. You must have at least 3 references (internet resources are okay). Include a bibliography.
3. DO NOT plagiarize. Any information or quotes should cite the source in some way (footnotes, etc.).